



NEVADA LIMITED JURISDICTION JUDGES 2017 WINTER SEMINAR

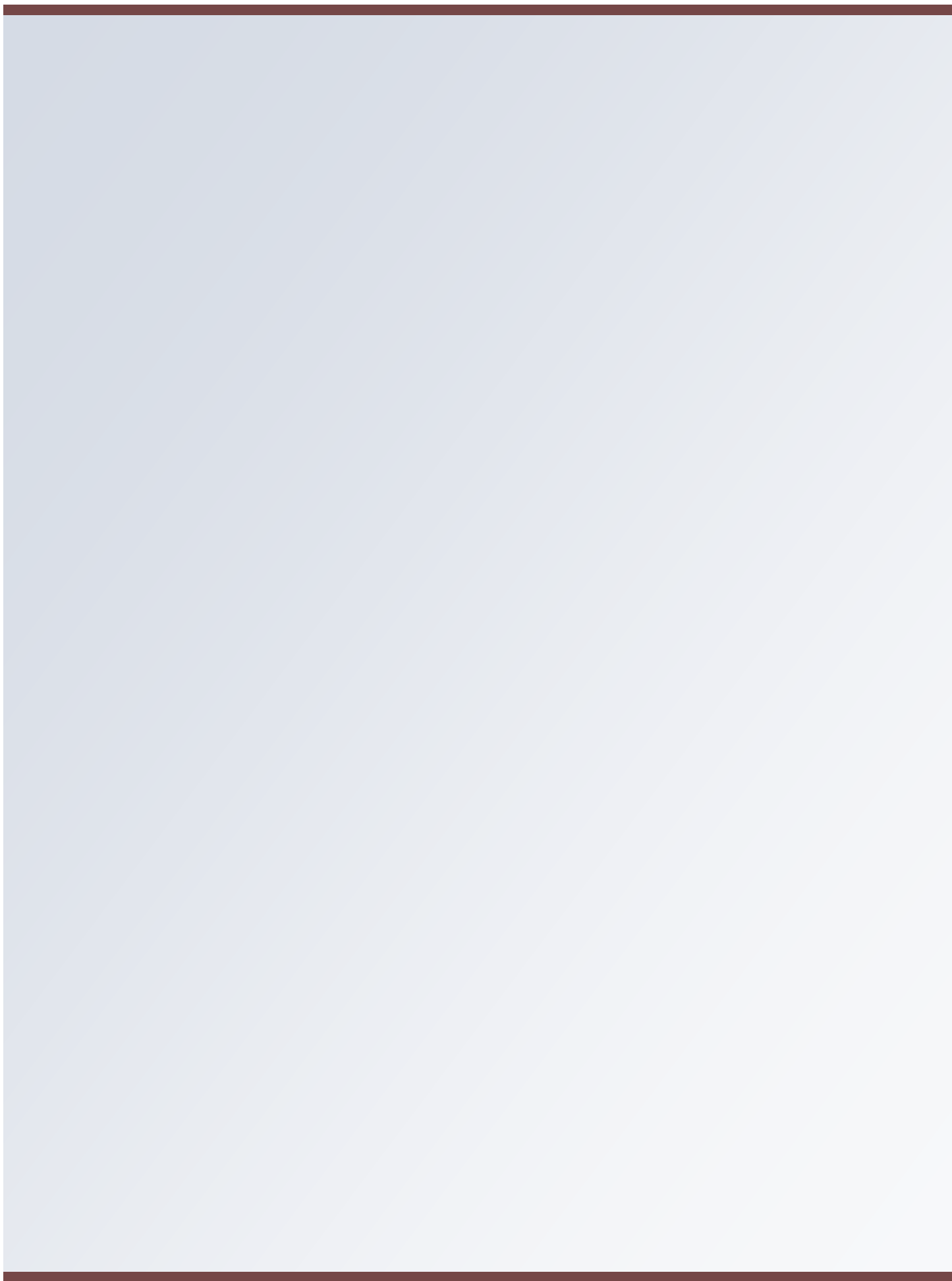
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*Nevada Judges
of Limited
Jurisdiction
(NJLJ)*

*Semi-Annual
Business Meeting*



January 24 - 27, 2017
Aquarius Casino Resort
Laughlin, Nevada





AGENDA AT A GLANCE

Aquarius Casino Resort

Tuesday - January 24, 2017

8:30 - 10:00 AM	NJLJ EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING.....	Pisces Room
10:15 AM - 12:00 PM	NJLJ BOARD MEETING.....	Pisces Room
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM	REGISTRATION.....	2 nd Floor Foyer
12:00 - 1:00 PM	LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)	
1:00 - 2:30 PM	PRETRIAL RELEASE ASSESSMENT	Pavilion B
2:30 - 3:00 PM	MODEL BAIL STATEWIDE SCHEDULE AND SUGGESTED FINE SCHEDULE	Pavilion B
3:00 - 3:15 PM	BREAK & EXHIBITORS.....	Peacock Alley
3:15 - 4:15 PM	2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION: ISSUES AND PLANNING	Pavilion B
4:15 - 4:30 PM	BREAK & EXHIBITORS.....	Peacock Alley
4:30 - 5:30 PM	TRAUMA INFORMED PRACTICE AND INTRODUCTION TO THE NV ARREST AND PROTECTION ADVOCACY PROJECT	Pavilion B
5:30 - 7:30 PM	RECEPTION (NO-HOST BAR).....	Scorpio Room

Wednesday - January 25, 2017

7:00 - 10:00 AM	LATE REGISTRATION.....	2 nd Floor Foyer
7:30 - 8:30 AM	BUFFET BREAKFAST.....	Peacock Alley
8:30 - 9:30 AM	THE ROCKS AND SHOALS OF CONTEMPT	Pavilion B
9:30 - 9:45 AM	BREAK & EXHIBITORS.....	Peacock Alley
9:45 - 10:45 AM	THE ROCKS AND SHOALS OF CONTEMPT (concluded)	Pavilion B
10:45 - 11:00 AM	BREAK & EXHIBITORS.....	Peacock Alley
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	RECUSAL VS. DUTY TO SIT	Pavilion B
12:00 - 1:15 PM	LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)	
1:15 - 2:45 PM	PERS: ISSUES AFFECTING JUDGES AND COURT STAFF	Pavilion B
2:45 - 3:00 PM	BREAK & EXHIBITORS.....	Peacock Alley
3:00 - 4:00 PM	SUCCESSION PLANNING IN THE COURTS	Pavilion B
4:00 - 4:15 PM	BREAK & EXHIBITORS.....	Peacock Alley
4:15 - 5:15 PM	SUCCESSION PLANNING IN THE COURTS (concluded)	Pavilion B

Thursday - January 26, 2017

7:00 - 8:00 AM	BUFFET BREAKFAST.....	Peacock Alley
8:00 - 9:00 AM	MAINTAINING THE INTEGRITY OF CRIMINAL RECORDS	Pavilion B
9:00 - 9:15 AM	BREAK & EXHIBITORS.....	Peacock Alley
9:15 - 10:15 AM	MAINTAINING THE INTEGRITY OF CRIMINAL RECORDS (concluded)	Pavilion B
10:15 AM	NJLJ BUSINESS MEETING.....	Pavilion B
12:00 - 1:00 PM	LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)	
1:00 - 6:00 PM	FREE AFTERNOON FOR NJLJ ACTIVITIES	
6:00 - 9:30 PM	NO-HOST RECEPTION, GROUP PHOTOGRAPH, & BANQUET.....	Gemini 1 & 2

Friday - January 27, 2017

7:30 - 8:30 AM	BUFFET BREAKFAST.....	Peacock Alley
8:30 - 9:30 AM	EVIDENCE AS RELATED TO COMMON LAW	Pavilion B
9:30 - 9:45 AM	BREAK & EXHIBITORS.....	Peacock Alley
9:45 - 10:45 AM	LANDLORD/TENANT: CURRENT ISSUES AND MORE TO COME	Pavilion B
10:45 AM	CLOSE OF 2017 WINTER SEMINAR	



WELCOME FROM THE NJLJ PRESIDENT

NJLJ Website: www.njlj.org

Dear Fellow Judges,

On behalf of the Nevada Judges of Limited Jurisdiction, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2017 Winter Educational Seminar at the Aquarius Casino Resort in Laughlin.

Prior to the start of the Seminar, the Educational Committee will meet at 8:30 am to discuss next year's agendas and goals. This will be followed by the meeting of the NJLJ Executive Board.

The Seminar will commence at 1:00 pm on Tuesday and conclude at approximately 12:30 pm on Friday. Some of the educational topics planned for this Seminar include: *Evidence: A Continuing Conversation*, *Contempt*, *Legislative Strategy and Outlook*, and *Duty to Sit vs. Recusal*.

Judge Atkins, our host judge, has several events lined up for our traditional Thursday afternoon social activities.

Enjoy the Seminar!

Sincerely,

Richard Glasson
President, NJLJ

**Education is the ability to listen to
almost anything without losing your
temper or your self-confidence.**

~ Robert Frost





AGENDA AND SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Aquarius Casino Resort

TUESDAY

JANUARY 24, 2017

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

NJLJ EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

10:15 AM - 12:00 PM

NJLJ BOARD MEETING

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

REGISTRATION

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

LUNCH (on your own)

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

PRETRIAL RELEASE ASSESSMENT (1.5 hour *Ethics* CJE/CLE)

Justice James Hardesty, Supreme Court of Nevada

Chief Judge Joe Bonaventure, Las Vegas Justice Court

Judge Scott Pearson, Reno Justice Court

Ms. Anna Vasquez, Las Vegas Justice Court

In June of 2015, the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada unanimously approved a resolution creating the Committee to Study Evidence-Based Pretrial Release in Nevada. The Committee studied the pretrial release system and examined alternatives and improvements to that system through evidence-based practices and risk-assessment tools. The Committee made recommendations to the Judicial Council and the Nevada Supreme Court regarding possible strategies for reforming and improving Nevada's pretrial release system. In this presentation, the speakers will give an overview of the Committee's findings, and they will offer outlines about upcoming changes to the pretrial release process that will affect all the courts in this state.

2:30 PM - 3:00 PM

MODEL BAIL STATEWIDE SCHEDULE AND SUGGESTED FINE SCHEDULE

(.5 hour CJE/CLE)

Judge Kevin Higgins, Sparks Justice Court

Judge Mason Simons, Elko Justice and Municipal Courts

As a follow-up to the pretrial release topic, Judge Higgins and Judge Simons will lead a discussion on bail and fine schedules.

3:00 PM - 3:15 PM

BREAK

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION: ISSUES AND PLANNING (1 hour CJE/CLE)

Judge Kevin Higgins, Sparks Justice Court

Keith Lee, Esq.

Judge Melissa Saragosa, Las Vegas Justice Court

Judge John Tatro, Carson City Justice and Municipal Courts

Mr. John McCormick, Nevada Supreme Court, Administrative Office of the Courts

The panel will provide insight into key issues related to the 2017 Legislative Session and will help to identify potential impacts of new legislation on the courts.



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TUESDAY

JANUARY 24, 2017 (continued)

4:15 PM - 4:30 PM

BREAK

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

TRAUMA INFORMED PRACTICE AND INTRODUCTION TO THE NEVADA ARREST AND PROTECTION ADVOCACY PROJECT (1 hour CJE/CLE)

Judge Steve Aycock, National Council of Family and Juvenile Court Judges

Ms. Kimberly Mull, Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence

This session will explore how domestic violence victims who have experienced trauma may present in the courtroom. The presentation will review some core reasons why domestic violence victims remain in abusive relationships and why their behavior may not reflect the expected behavior of someone in a violent situation. The session will end with an introduction to the Nevada Arrest and Protection Advocacy project and will provide attendees an opportunity to share their experiences and challenges with adjudicating domestic violence cases.

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

NJLJ RECEPTION (No-Host Bar)

WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 25, 2017

7:00 AM - 10:00 AM

LATE REGISTRATION

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

BUFFET BREAKFAST

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

THE ROCKS AND SHOALS OF CONTEMPT (1 hour CJE/CLE)

Judge Richard Glasson, Tahoe Justice Court

Judge Camille Vecchiarelli, Dayton Justice Court

Lurking just beneath the surface of the subject of contempt are threats and obstacles that will turn smooth sailing courts and judicial careers into wrecks that will await rediscovery from the unwary. Judge Glasson and Judge Vecchiarelli will lead a session on the subject of contempt, using small group discussions and scenarios, that will provide you with the instruments to navigate a steady course.

9:30 AM - 9:45 AM

BREAK

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM

THE ROCKS AND SHOALS OF CONTEMPT - concluded (1 hour CJE/CLE)

10:45 AM - 11:00 AM

BREAK

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

RECUSAL VS. DUTY TO SIT (1 hour *Ethics* CJE/CLE)

Judge Steven Dobrescu, Seventh Judicial District Court

To sit? To recuse? What is a judge to do in a small community, or in a closely connected state for that matter? Judge Steven Dobrescu, of the Seventh Judicial District, will provide guidance and insight on this touchy issue.



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WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 25, 2017 (continued)

12:00 PM - 1:15PM

LUNCH (on your own)

1:15 PM - 2:45 PM

PERS: ISSUES AFFECTING JUDGES AND COURT STAFF (1.5 hour CJE/CLE)

Ms. Tina Leiss, Executive Officer, Nevada Public Employees Retirement System

Ms. Cheryl Price, Operations Officer, Nevada Public Employees Retirement System

Mr. Walter Zeron, Director Member Svc., Nevada Public Employees Retirement System

Representatives from the Nevada Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) will discuss the history and status of the PERS and the Judicial Retirement System (JRS), the retirement benefits structure in each system including differences between PERS and JRS, transfer provisions from PERS to JRS, and retirement and reemployment provisions. Changes to PERS and JRS brought about by 2015's Senate Bill 406 will also be covered.

2:45 PM - 3:00 PM

BREAK

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

SUCCESSION PLANNING IN THE COURTS (1 hour CJE/CLE)

Judge Mark Stevens, Henderson Municipal Court

John Dawson, Esq., Dickinson Wright PLLC

The panel will discuss a variety of issues connected with the personal and professional impact of succession planning.

4:00 PM - 4:15 PM

BREAK

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

SUCCESSION PLANNING IN THE COURTS - concluded (1 hour CJE/CLE)

5:15 PM - ON

EVENING FREE

THURSDAY

JANUARY 26, 2017

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

BUFFET BREAKFAST

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

MAINTAINING THE INTEGRITY OF CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS (1 hour CJE/CLE)

Ms. Alison Lopez, Nevada State Department of Public Safety

Ms. Nicole Albright, Nevada State Department of Public Safety

In an effort to maintain the integrity of criminal records, the Department of Public Safety (DPS), General Services Division (GSD), will focus on the importance of criminal record maintenance and how it impacts the criminal justice community. The goal is to further enhance that balance of information sharing by gathering important information to enable DPS to better serve the community as a whole.

9:00 AM - 9:15 AM

BREAK

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

MAINTAINING THE INTEGRITY OF CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS - concluded (1 hour CJE/CLE)



AGENDA AND SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

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THURSDAY JANUARY 26, 2017 (continued)

10:15 AM	NJLJ BUSINESS MEETING
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	LUNCH (on your own)
1:00 PM - 6:00 PM	FREE FOR NJLJ ACTIVITIES
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	NJLJ NO-HOST RECEPTION
6:30 PM	NJLJ GROUP PHOTO
7:30 PM - 9:30 PM	NJLJ AWARDS BANQUET

FRIDAY JANUARY 27, 2017

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	BUFFET BREAKFAST
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	EVIDENCE AS RELATED TO COMMON LAW (1 hour CJE/CLE) <i>Judge Mason Simons, Elko Justice and Municipal Courts</i> Anchored in reason (and NRS 1.030), evidence related to common law suggests deference to common sense and restraint. Judge Simons will lead a discussion related to the things we know to be true of evidence (sometimes lacking a formal definition), and how to be sure your court exerts “neither force nor will, but merely judgment.”
9:30 AM - 9:45 AM	BREAK
9:45 AM - 10:45 AM	LANDLORD/TENANT: CURRENT ISSUES AND MORE TO COME (1 hour CJE/CLE) <i>Judge Melissa Saragosa, Las Vegas Justice Court</i> This session will address landlord/tenant issues - both the tried and true, and the emergent. Can a landlord restrict medical marijuana usage in a rental property? Will the legalization of recreational marijuana mean that edibles are fair game (even THC infused microwave popcorn)? What herd of questions accompany service animals in rental properties? Judge Saragosa will discuss these and other topics, such as mental health issues.

Total CJE/CLE: 15 Hours (2.5 Hours Ethics)



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Ms. Nicole Albright, program officer for the Nevada Offense Code (NOC) Unit, is responsible for overseeing the NOC program. This includes the creation and maintenance of the offense codes used by criminal justice agencies for the State of Nevada and NRS exploration and clarification for all NOC related statutes. Nicole has been with DPS for four years. Her background within DPS includes background investigation checks for employment purposes for sworn and non-sworn applicants, civil related employment determinations, and now the NOC program.

JUDGE STEVEN D. AYCOCK (RETIRED)

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Judge Steve Aycock is the judge-in-residence of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Until 2008, he was with the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation where he had been the chief judge at the Colville Tribal Court for nine years. Previously, Judge Aycock worked for twelve years as the director of the Colville Tribal Legal Office where he represented individual members of the Tribes in civil matters, specializing in children and elders advocacy. He has also worked for Evergreen Legal Services in the Pasco, Washington office and as a public defender in Franklin County District and Superior Courts. From 1984 to 1986 he was a clinical instructor and in 2008, taught Federal Indian Law at the University of Idaho, College of Law. Judge Aycock made presentations at the University of Washington, University of Kansas, and Michigan State University law schools on issues related to Tribal Courts. He is currently a board member for the Committee to Aid Abused Women in Reno, Nevada. He served as a faculty member of the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence. Since coming to the National Council, he has presented at national conferences and state and tribal judicial conferences on various domestic violence issues. Judge Aycock received his Bachelor's degree in political science from Washington State University in 1977 and graduated from the University of Idaho, College of Law in 1980.

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Judge Joe Bonaventure was elected justice of the peace in Department 9 of Las Vegas Justice Court in 2004. Judge Bonaventure is a life-long resident of Las Vegas, having graduated from Bishop Gorman High School, the business college at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and the charter class of the William S. Boyd School of Law at UNLV. Thereafter, Judge Bonaventure worked as a law clerk for the Honorable Kathy Hardcastle in the Eighth Judicial District Court, as a deputy with the Clark County District Attorney's office, and as an attorney in private practice with the law firm of Bonaventure & Goldstein before taking the bench in 2005. Judge Bonaventure, elected to a third term in 2016, served as Vice Chief Judge from January 2011 through December 2014. In 2016, Judge Bonaventure's term as Chief Judge, which began in January of 2015, was extended until the end of 2018. In addition to these duties, Judge Bonaventure presides over the recently established community court on the Las Vegas Strip, chairs the Clark County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, and serves on the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada Committee to Study Evidence-Based Pretrial Release.



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Mr. Dawson earned a Bachelor's degree in accounting from Weber State University; a J.D. from J. Reuben Clark School of Law, Brigham Young University in 1988; and LL.M. in taxation from the University of San Diego School of Law in 1993. He is admitted to practice law in Nevada and Utah.

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Judge Steve Dobrescu presides over the Seventh Judicial District, Department 1, which encompasses White Pine, Lincoln and Eureka counties. He was appointed to the bench in 2001 and ran unopposed in the last three elections. He was raised in Ely, Nevada and received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Nevada, Reno. After receiving his J.D. with distinction from the McGeorge School of Law in 1986, he served as law clerk to the Honorable Merlyn H. Hoyt. He worked as deputy district attorney in White Pine County for nearly 14 years, and was a contract deputy district attorney in Eureka and Lincoln counties. From 1989 until his appointment, he operated a solo private practice. Judge Dobrescu has been a member of the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada since 2007, and has served on the Specialty Court Funding Committee since 2007.

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Judge Richard Glasson has served at the Tahoe Justice Court at Stateline, Nevada for the past 16 years. He is a mediator, an arbitrator, and a trial lawyer.

JUSTICE JAMES HARDESTY

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Justice James W. Hardesty is a native Nevadan, born and raised in Reno, Nevada. He attended the University of Nevada, Reno, where he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting in 1970. After graduating from the University of Nevada, Reno, Justice Hardesty enrolled in the University of Pacific McGeorge School of Law where he obtained his J.D. in 1975.

In November 1998, Justice Hardesty was elected district court judge for the Second Judicial District Court of Washoe County,



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Reno, Nevada. He took the bench in January 1999 where he served through December 2004. In November 2001, while serving as a district court judge, he was elected by his fellow judges to serve as chief judge of the Second Judicial District Court, a position to which he was reelected in November 2003. He received the highest ratings on judicial performance in the Second Judicial District Court by the Washoe County Bar Association. Justice Hardesty also served as president of the Nevada District Judges Association in 2003.

In November 2004, Justice Hardesty was elected a Supreme Court Justice for the Nevada Supreme Court. He was sworn in on January 3, 2005. Justice Hardesty also served as Chief Justice of the Nevada Supreme Court in 2009 and 2015.

Justice Hardesty has been a guest lecturer on numerous legal topics including case management, settlement, evidence, trial and appellate practice, and water law for The National Judicial College, State Bar of Nevada, Professional Education System, Inc., the Association of Defense Counsel, and the Nevada Trial Lawyers Association. In addition, he guest lectures annually to the media law students at the Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism, University of Nevada, Reno. He is the author of several articles on libel, privacy, and government issues.

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Judge Kevin G. Higgins was appointed to the Sparks Justice Court on April 15, 2003. He was elected in 2004 and reelected in 2010 for his second full term. Judge Higgins came to the bench from the Nevada Attorney General's Office after 16 years as a prosecutor. At the time of his appointment, he was the chief deputy attorney general for the Reno office.

During his tenure at the AG's office, he prosecuted everything from DUIs to death penalty cases and has appeared in almost every district court in Nevada, the Supreme Court of Nevada, the United States District Court, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court.

Judge Higgins is the past president of the Nevada Judges of Limited Jurisdiction and is a frequent presenter at their conferences as well as the Nevada District Judges Association. Judge Higgins sits on the national scholarship selection panel for the Harry S. Truman Scholarship. In 2001, he was presented the Joseph Stevens Award as the outstanding attorney in public service in the United States during a ceremony at the United States Supreme Court.

Judge Higgins graduated from Willamette University in 1982 and was awarded the "Senior Key," presented to ten seniors who had contributed the most to the University. He graduated with his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 1985.

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Mr. Keith Lee, a lawyer and shareholder with the Law Offices of Keith L. Lee since October 1998, is an expert in the field of legislative matters. Admitted to the State Bar of Nevada in November 1970, Mr. Lee has been lawyer and shareholder with four different law offices, plus served as a deputy district attorney for Washoe County before forming his own practice.

Mr. Lee has served on multiple boards and committees including: Board of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of Nevada (one year as chairman); Commission of Economic Development; Board of Directors, Children's Cabinet (several years as chairman) and as a trustee for the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation where he was designated a Distinguished Nevadan in 2014 by the Board of Regents.



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Ms. Tina M. Leiss was appointed executive officer of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) of Nevada in September 2013. Prior to her appointment, Ms. Leiss was the operations officer of Nevada PERS since 2004. She previously worked as a senior deputy attorney general with the Nevada Office of the Attorney General and served as PERS legal counsel, representing PERS in a variety of aspects from benefits litigation, contracts analysis, to Board governance. Prior to her employment with the Office of the Attorney General, Ms. Leiss was in private practice for seven years representing clients in many areas of law including civil litigation, bankruptcy, and insurance issues.

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Ms. Alison Lopez, program officer and manager for the Criminal Records Unit, is responsible for overseeing the maintenance of criminal records for the State of Nevada. This includes manual data entry for criminal arrest submissions, record updates and record seals. Ms. Lopez has been with the Nevada Department of Public Safety for ten years. Her background within DPS includes warrants, works as a NCIC/NCJIS trainer, manages the civil applicant program, and now manages criminal records.

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Mr. John McCormick has been with the Nevada Supreme Court, AOC since 2006. He started as the rural courts coordinator and was promoted to assistant court administrator in July of 2013. Mr. McCormick has acted as a legislative liaison for the judicial branch during four Nevada Legislative Sessions (2007, 2009, 2011, and 2013). Mr. McCormick received his Bachelor of Arts in political science in 2001 from Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Oregon, and prior to coming to the AOC, worked in the non-profit field. He is a second generation native Nevadan (Fallon), and interned for former U.S. Senator Richard Bryan (D-NV) in 1999.

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Ms. Kimberly Mull, a victim of domestic child sex trafficking, is a survivor turned advocate. She speaks and writes about her personal experiences and efforts to assist current victims of trafficking, as well as victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and child abuse. Kimberly has over ten years of business experience and serving on local and national non-profit boards. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Lubbock Christian University, on the first full academic scholarship in the University's history, with a Bachelor's degree in pre-law/public policy and is currently working on her Master's degree in the



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country's first MS in victim services program.

She has worked for the Oklahoma Attorney General's Victim Services Unit, where she worked on the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board and also served as the first survivor on the State's Human Trafficking Task Force. Most recently, she worked with Shared Hope International in Washington, DC as their Public Policy Fellow and helped the office of Senator Cornyn (TX-R) pass the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act.

She has been asked to serve as a speaker for the Congressional Victims' Rights Caucus and specializes in educating college students, administrators, and law enforcement on sex trafficking within the college culture.

JUDGE SCOTT PEARSON

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Judge Scott Pearson was elected to the bench in November of 2010 and retained in 2016. He currently serves as the presiding judge of the Washoe County Community Court and previously served as the presiding judge of the CCP program from 2012 through 2016. At the time, CCP was the fourth largest problem solving court in the state serving hundreds of participants a year. The CCP program helps defendants address their substance abuse and mental health issues while finding safe housing and stable employment. In 2013, Judge Pearson created the first Community Court in Nevada which provides a diversion program allowing qualifying participants to have their case dismissed and sealed after completing a rehabilitation program. Judge Pearson also created special dockets to help defendants engaged in the sex trades and younger members of our community, especially those addicted to heroin. In 2015, Judge Pearson was named Politician of the Year for his humanitarian efforts in the community.

Judge Pearson was elected chief judge of the court in 2013 and again in 2014. During this time, many improvements were made at the court to better serve the public. Operating hours were expanded so that the court is now open more hours to the public than any other court in the state. The court also began offering electronic filing of court documents, online payments and a traffic ticket amnesty program so that citizens with warrants for traffic tickets could resolve them without being arrested. During his time as chief, Judge Pearson also worked with the county commission to cover a vacancy on the bench for a savings of approximately \$500,000 to the community.

In 2013, Judge Pearson was elected by his peers to the Judicial Council and the Specialty Court Funding Committee. He also currently serves on the language access committee, forms subcommittee, pretrial reform committee and bail subcommittee.

Prior to taking the bench, Judge Pearson was a deputy district attorney in the Washoe County District Attorney's office from July of 1999 until taking the bench in January of 2011. Judge Pearson handled all types of criminal cases from traffic tickets to gang murder prosecutions and was assigned to the Major Violators Unit at the time of his election. During his years at the DA's office, Judge Pearson was also a regular instructor at the police academy on many areas of the United States Constitution and Nevada criminal procedure.

For many years, Judge Pearson served as a scoring judge in the area's high school mock trial competition and later was chosen as a presiding judge for the local and state competitions. In 2010, Judge Pearson began serving as a scoring judge for the "We the People" constitutional program. He has served as judge for local elementary schools as well as the high school regional, state and national finals in Washington D.C. Judge Pearson also chairs the Reno/Sparks Rotary Club's "Most Improved Student/Achievement Beyond Obstacles" scholarship committee which honors students from each of the area high schools that have overcome great obstacles to graduate. All of these students receive leadership training and mentor support and the clubs award more than \$20,000 in scholarships annually.

Judge Pearson was raised in Reno where he attended local public schools and later graduated from the University of Nevada with an economics degree, with distinction. Judge Pearson is also a graduate of the University of Utah, College of Law where he was a Learey Scholar. Upon graduation, Judge Pearson was honored to serve a judicial clerkship for the Honorable Janet J. Berry at the Second Judicial District Court.



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Ms. Cheryl Price was appointed to the position of operations officer of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) of Nevada in December 2013. Prior to this appointment, Ms. Price served as Nevada PERS' administrative analyst where all aspects of communications (publications, newsletters, social media, website, and outgoing correspondence) were her main responsibilities. Prior to that, Ms. Price spent four years as the management analyst for Nevada PERS. Ms. Price is a veteran employee of PERS since 2000.

JUDGE MELISSA SARAGOSA

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Judge Melissa Saragosa graduated from the University of San Diego School of Law, earning her J.D. in 1993. In 1994, Judge Saragosa was selected as a direct appointee to the United States Air Force Judge Advocate General Corps. After two years prosecuting cases on the circuit, Judge Saragosa separated from active duty and joined the reserve corps. As a reservist, she went on to work as a reserve instructor with the civil division of the Air Force Judge Advocate General School in Alabama. She served as a reserve military appellate judge for the Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals. She currently holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and serves as the Reserve Coordinator and Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, 8th Air Force.

In 2000, she began working for the Clark County District Attorney's Office in her civilian capacity. In 2006, she was appointed as the chief deputy district attorney of recruiting and training. She also created a formal training program for new deputy district attorneys and supervised the summer externship program.

In 2006, Judge Saragosa was appointed to fill a vacancy in Justice Court. She took the bench on January 8, 2007. In 2009, Judge Saragosa presided over the entire civil docket, including eviction actions, of the Las Vegas Justice Court. In 2011, Judge Saragosa developed and presided over Nevada's first Domestic Violence Court. In 2013, Judge Saragosa returned to an all civil docket. Judge Saragosa has been active in educating the community on Landlord/Tenant laws. Until 2016, Judge Saragosa presided over a criminal docket and was appointed to preside over Veterans Treatment Court and the Civil Division. As of January 2017, Judge Saragosa returned once again to an all civil docket and continues to serve as the Presiding Judge over Veterans Treatment Court and the Civil Division.

Judge Saragosa serves as the Chairman of the Las Vegas Justice Court's Legislative committee, sits on the Las Vegas Justice Court's Rules committee and was appointed as a member of the State of Nevada Standing Committee on Judicial Ethics and Committee for Evidence-Based Pretrial Release. Judge Saragosa is admitted to practice law in Nevada and Maryland.

JUDGE MASON SIMONS

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Judge Mason Simons was born in St. George, Utah and raised in Escalante, Utah and Las Vegas, Nevada. He graduated from Las Vegas High School in 1995, then attended Utah State University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in political science in 2001. While in college, he served as a congressional intern with the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Office of Chief



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Counsel.

Judge Simons attended the William S. Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and received his J.D. in 2003. Following law school, Judge Simons served as law clerk to the Honorable Gloria S. O'Malley of the 8th Judicial District Court, Family Division.

Judge Simons was employed as a Deputy Public Defender in Elko County before being appointed by the late Judge Andrew J. Puccinelli as court master for the 4th Judicial District Court in 2007 in which he served until 2013. He was elected Elko Township justice of the peace in November 2012. He was also appointed by the Elko City Council to serve concurrently as City of Elko municipal judge following his election.

Judge Simons is a former member of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Nevada (2009 – 2013) and a former member of the Supreme Court of Nevada's Select Committee for Court Improvement. He was appointed to the Standing Committee on Judicial Ethics by the Nevada Supreme Court in February, 2014. He also serves on the Committee to Study Evidence-Based Pretrial Release and chairs the Subcommittee to Study Bail Schedules.

JUDGE MARK STEVENS

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Judge Mark Stevens serves as city of Henderson Municipal Court Judge, Department 1, taking office April 17, 2007. He was named Chief Judge in January 2012. In June 2011, Judge Stevens initiated the Veterans Treatment Court program in Henderson. This program assists military veterans charged with misdemeanor crimes while struggling to readjust to civilian life.

Prior to becoming Henderson Municipal Court Judge, Judge Stevens was a prosecutor for seven years with the Henderson City Attorney's Office, Criminal Division, and a Henderson Police Department patrol officer for three years. Before his service at the city, Judge Stevens practiced civil law and was the staff attorney for a law enforcement training center. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1988 to 1994 as captain, company commander and judge advocate defense attorney (JAG).

Judge Stevens earned his Bachelor's degree in business administration from Oklahoma State University and his Masters of business administration from Oklahoma City University. He received his J.D. from the University of Nebraska College of Law in 1990 and became a member of the State Bar of Nevada in 1991.

A member of the Clark County Bar Association, Nevada Bar Association and the U.S. Supreme Court Bar Association, Judge Stevens also is incoming president for the Nevada Judges of Limited Jurisdiction. In addition to Nevada, he is licensed to practice law in the states of Nebraska and Colorado as well as U.S. District Court.

JUDGE JOHN TATRO

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Judge John Tatro has been justice of the peace/municipal court judge in Carson City, Department 2, since 1995. However, Judge Tatro began his judicial career as the hearings officer for the Nevada State Gaming Control Board serving in that capacity from 1987 to 1995.

Among Judge Tatro's judicial accomplishments are: 2003 Judge of the Year voted by the Nevada Judges Association; completion of many classes at the Nevada Judicial College and the National Center for State Courts; attaining the level of Distinguished Jurist in Judicial Education; 2008 president of the Nevada Judges Association of Limited Jurisdiction; member of



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the State Judicial Council; member of the Judicial Code Commission (Supreme Court Appointment); established Mental Health Court in March 2005; member of the Specialty Court Funding Committee (Supreme Court Appointment); member of the Court Technology Committee (Supreme Court Appointment); worked with justice court staff to implement a more effective case management system and expanded the Department of Alternative Sentencing to ensure compliance with court-ordered sentences.

MS. ANNA VASQUEZ

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Ms. Anna M. Vasquez, Court Division Administrator - Criminal Las Vegas Justice Court, oversees customer service, records, research, filing desks, and PreTrial Services. She began working in the PreTrial Services Division in 1982, was eventually promoted to manager in which she served for 12 years, and for the past year in her current position as administrator.

Ms. Vasquez is a member of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council studying Evidence Based Risk Assessments, the Community Court Steering Committee, and is chair for the Las Vegas Justice Court Project Homeless Connect, to list a few.

Ms. Vasquez graduated from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in 1987 with a Bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

JUDGE CAMILLE VECCHIARELLI

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Judge Camille Vecchiarelli serves as justice of the peace, Dayton Township. She was appointed January 2009, elected in November 2010, and was re-elected again in November 2012 to serve a 6-year term. Judge Vecchiarelli has worked for the Dayton Justice Court since 1989 starting as a court clerk until 2000 when she was promoted to management assistant. Judge Vecchiarelli was an active member of NACCA and served as secretary from 1999-2001. Judge Vecchiarelli has been a member of the Nevada Judges of Limited Jurisdiction since 2009. She is currently on the Board of Directors and is the historian for the Association. In 2015, Judge Vecchiarelli was appointed as the juvenile master for the 3rd Judicial District and presides over juvenile cases in Dayton. She is active and involved in many projects. Recently she worked on the Unified Traffic Bail Schedule between four counties. In conjunction with the Lyon County District Attorney, she was involved with search warrant training for the Lyon County Sheriff's Office. Judge Vecchiarelli has lived in her community since 1976 and stays involved with local events, additionally she volunteers for a variety of organizations in Dayton.

MR. WALTER ZERON

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Mr. Walter Zeron has served as the Director of Member and Retiree Services for the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) of Nevada since January 2015. Prior to being promoted to Director, Mr. Zeron was the Manager of Employer Services. He was also a certified retirement counselor for eight years assisting members and retirees including much travel throughout Nevada. Mr. Zeron started with Nevada PERS in September 2000 in the support services division and all 15 plus years of public employment has been with Nevada PERS.



SEMINAR INFORMATION

NEVADA LIMITED JURISDICTION JUDGES 2017 WINTER SEMINAR WEBSITE

Session materials, forms and additional information are available on the Seminar website which can be accessed [here](#). Note: Session materials are also provided on a USB flash drive in your registration packet.

CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS

A total of 15 hours of continuing judicial/legal education (CJE/CLE) credits is offered for full Seminar attendance which include 2.5 *Ethics* hours.

MEETING ROOMS

Location: All educational sessions will be held in Pavilion B at the Aquarius Casino Resort.

Breakfasts: A buffet breakfast will be served on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings in Peacock Alley.

Reception: The Tuesday evening NJLJ reception will be held in the Scorpio meeting room.

Banquet: The Thursday evening NJLJ no-host reception, group photo, and awards banquet will be held in the Gemini 1 and 2 meeting rooms.

Internet Service: Wireless internet is available in the sleeping rooms at no additional charge. Internet service is not available in the meeting room.

ATTIRE

Attire for the seminar is business casual. Please dress in layers to ensure your comfort as the temperature of the meeting rooms is variable.

GUEST'S MEAL REGISTRATION

For guests wishing to participate in the Tuesday evening reception, there is no fee. However, there is a \$40.00 fee for the Thursday, January 26 banquet (not reimbursable by AOC). Payment at the event is by cash or check only. Check payments for the banquet are to be made payable to the "Administrative Office of the Courts." Please be aware that we must provide a guaranteed number of meals prior to the event. Thus, cancellation of a guest's attendance for the banquet after January 16, 2017 will result in forfeiture of payment received.

If you need assistance, please call:

Sheri LeTourneau at (775) 687-9857
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PHOTOGRAPHS

Group photographs of the Nevada Judges of Limited Jurisdiction association members and the newly elected Executive Board will be taken during the reception on Thursday, January 26. At that time, Judicial Education award recipients will have the opportunity to take individual photos with the award presenter. Information on how to purchase photographs will be provided at the Seminar.

CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE

The Certificate of Attendance (COA) is included in your Seminar packet. Please return your completed and signed form to the staff table at the conclusion of the Seminar or mail the form to the Supreme Court of Nevada, Administrative Office of the Courts, Attn: Judicial Education, 201 South Carson Street, Suite 250, Carson City, NV 89701, or fax to (775) 687-9850. Judicial Education will submit the COA to the appropriate board, as applicable. The completed form is required for all attendees in order to receive reimbursement for travel expenses.

SEMINAR EVALUATIONS

The Seminar evaluation is included in your Seminar packet. Please return your completed form to the staff table at the conclusion of the Seminar. Your opinion is very important and will assist us in improving future judicial education opportunities. All responses are kept confidential.

SEMINAR EXHIBITORS

Please take a moment to visit the exhibitors located in Peacock Alley. This is a wonderful opportunity to see the latest technology and innovative ideas. Their continued support of education for the Nevada court system is appreciated.



TRAVEL CLAIM INFORMATION

CLAIM FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES

The Supreme Court of Nevada, AOC Accounting Unit will, upon receipt, process your Claim for Travel Expense for reimbursement. If the original Claim for Travel Expense form is complete, accurate, and includes the Certificate of Attendance and required receipts, you should receive your reimbursement within five business days. Refer to the travel claim procedures and documentation requirements as outlined in the materials in your registration packet. This information is also available on the Seminar website. If you have any questions prior to submitting your Claim for Travel Expense form, please contact the AOC Accounting Unit at (775) 684-1700.

Note: When in doubt as to whether a cost incurred during travel status can be reimbursed, keep an itemized receipt, claim the cost on the Claim for Travel Expense form, and submit the receipt with the claim. The AOC Accounting Unit will notify you if the expense claimed is allowable for reimbursement under the Supreme Court Travel Policy.

SPECIAL NOTES REGARDING TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT & ELIGIBILITY

Seminar Attendance: The total Seminar hours are 15. Failure to attend a minimum of 75% (11.25 hours) may result in less than full reimbursement.

Meals: Participants must travel at least 30 miles roundtrip from their primary work station to receive reimbursement for meals not provided at the Seminar. Non-reimbursable meals provided during the Seminar include breakfast on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and dinner on Thursday. Meals not provided will be reimbursed as outlined in the Nevada Supreme Court Travel Policy. The Supreme Court's per diem rates (no receipt required) are \$11.00/breakfast, \$12.00/lunch, \$23.00/dinner for meals not provided from dinner on Monday, January 23, through dinner on Friday, January 27. You must be in travel status from 7:00 - 9:00 am to receive reimbursement for breakfast, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm for lunch, and 5:00 - 7:00 pm for dinner.

Lodging: Only the group rate of \$44.99 plus tax is reimbursable. Submission of the original hotel receipt must accompany your Claim for Travel Expense form.

Air Travel: Please include the original receipt with your Claim for Travel Expense form to receive reimbursement. Boarding passes will not be accepted as documentation for

reimbursement.

Airport Parking: Original receipts for personal vehicle parking at the airport must be provided with your Claim for Travel Expense form in order to be reimbursed.

Personal Vehicle: Personal vehicle mileage is reimbursed at \$0.535 per mile, roundtrip for your travel. However, if a less expensive method of travel is available and you are driving for your personal convenience, you will only be reimbursed at the personal convenience mileage rate of \$0.2675 per mile, roundtrip. Mileage reimbursement is from the official work station or home, whichever is less. Use the official State of Nevada Road Map mileage chart, MapQuest, or Google Maps for mileage estimation.

Rental Cars: Generally, absent unusual circumstances, AOC will reimburse rental car costs to a maximum of \$50.00/day inclusive of fees. Please submit the original receipt with the travel claim.

Incidentals Expenses: The AOC will reimburse you for incidental expenses at \$5.00 per day, while in travel status. Incidental expenses are costs incurred for fees relating to luggage carts, metered parking, toll charges, and tips. Receipts are not required.





SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Host Judge Tim Atkins, a resident of Laughlin for 32 years, invites you to participate in one of the Thursday afternoon social activities he has arranged for your enjoyment. Sign-up sheets and maps (if applicable) are available at the registration table or staff table.



*Play a round of golf at
Laughlin Ranch (\$39.00)*



*Experience a river cruise
Riverside Boat (cost TBD)*



*Learn from a range master
Must provide your own gun and ammo
Map to location available at Seminar
(cost TBD)*



*Enjoy a horseback ride
Map to location available at Seminar
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